## Local Work Group Development of Local EQIP.

## Lake of the Woods Soil and Water Conservation District FY08 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Water Quality – sediment (cropland erosion) and nutrients

Soil Erosion – streambank, shoreline, ditchbanks

Invasive/Noxious weeds

Openland habitat

Feedlot runoff

Groundwater quality – abandoned wells

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

All watersheds

Openland habitat – adjacent to DNR WMAs and priority townships from DNR list

Invasive/Noxious weeds - areas that are not easily accessible

Goundwater – countywide

Feedlot runoff - countywide

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Water quality - All watersheds

Soil erosion – All watersheds

Groundwater - countywide

Feedlot runoff - countywide

Invasive/noxious weeds - priority in areas that are not easily accessible

Openland habitat – priority adjacent to DNR WMAs and priority townships from DNR list

- 4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.
- 1. SURFACE WATER QUALITY Does the application reduce cropland erosion or nutrient loading in any watershed? 20 points
- 2. SOIL EROSION Does the application reduce streambank/shoreline or ditchbank erosion within any watershed? 15 points
- 3. GROUND WATER QUALITY Does the application seal an abandoned well? 10 points
- 4. SURFACE WATER QUALTY Does the application treat feedlot runoff? 7 points
- 5. PLANT SUITABILITY Does the application treat invasive/noxious weeds? 5 points
- 6. WILDLIFE HABITAT Does the application establish or manage openland habitat adjacent to DNR Wildlife Management areas or within townships from the DNR Openlands Priority list? 3 point
  - 5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions should be between 35 to 60 points.

See above – 60 total points

- 6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.
- 7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document

## None

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 08 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date

## Local Work Group Attendance – EQIP 2008

Kelly Voigt – NRCS
Dan Holen - FSA
Phil Talmage – DNR Fisheries
Ted Dick – DNR Wildlife
Josh Stromlund – County Land and Water Planning office
Mike Hirst – SWCD
Marshall Nelson – SWCD supervisor
Patty Beckel – County commissioner
Ken Moorman – County commissioner